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CONSUL GENERAL'S RECENT TRAVEL HAS PROVIDED MIXED PICTURE OF SOVIET FLEXIBILITY AND OBDURACY.

- -- IN TRAVEL TO PSKOV (JUNE 12-15), CG WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO DRIVE THERE IN HIS OFFICIAL CAR, BUT AFTER APPEALING TURNDOWN, WAS ABLE TO USE CAR AT LEAST TO DRIVE FROM PSKOV TO MIKHAILOVSKOYE, TRIGORSK AND PECHORIY MONASTERY. HE TRAVELED TO PSKOV BY AFTERNOON TRAIN.
- -- QUICK VISIT BY CAR TO NOVGOROD (JUNE 28-29) DID NOT ALLOW TIME FOR VISITS TO OTHER TOWNS. BUT REQUEST TO VISIT COLLECTIVE OR STATE FARM WAS AGAIN REJECTED, AS IT HAD BEEN IN PSKOV.
- -- IN TRAVEL TO PETROZAVODSK (EFFECTIVELY JULY 6-7), CG WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO FLY OR DRIVE. ONLY POSSIBLE TRAIN ARRIVES 6:30 A.M. AND REMAINS AS HARD AND FILTHY AS EVER. REQUEST TO DRIVE FROM PETROZAVODSK TO FARM AREA AROUND LAKE LADOGA, WHICH APPEARS TO BE OPEN REGION, WAS REJECTED. WHEN CG INSISTED ON KNOWING IF AREA WAS CLOSED, HE WAS TOLD IT WAS "FOR REASONS OF TEMPORARY NATURE." UNCLASSIFIED

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(CG WAS TOLD IN PETROZAVODSK THAT ROADS WERE VERY BAD, WHICH COULD BE REASON ENOUGH.) SOVIETS SUGGESTED CG VISIT KONDOPOGA AND SET UP VISIT TO FACTORY ON CITY OUTSKIRTS. TOWN WAS ACTUALLY NEVER VISITED. BUCHANAN

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